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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRYING OUT

BLOOD GROUP DETERMINATION, SERUM CROSS-CHECK

AND ANTIBODY DETECTION TEST

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The Examiner's attention is called to co-filed application docket number BPD-102US, "Device and Method for Simultaneously Identifying Blood Group Antigens", the U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Application PCT/EP2004/007536, publication WO 2005/005991.

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